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SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" In 1945–46 and 1946–47 none were imported in the Madras Presidency. Is it correct? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No oil engines were imported by the department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Into the Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, the Department of Agricultural Engineering began only in 1946. There was no opportunity to import these in those years when there was no department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" How many oil engines were imported into the Presidency altogether? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is an information which I have not collected."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" On that will depend whether irrigation requirements are supplied to the full extent and if not, I would like to know why it should be given for non-irrigation purposes? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Those figures are not available because I have only called for those figures after the Agricultural Engineering department began to work and the department was not working in those years."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I request the Hon. Minister now at least to call for those figures? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I shall call for the information and supply it, Sir."

Motion picture reels on agriculture.

* 215 Q.—SRI R. RAMAKRISHNIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that there are motion picture reels on Agriculture obtainable from " The Motion Picture Service ", Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture in America, if so, whether the Government propose to get them and carry on propaganda for the " Grow More Food Campaign? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The answers to both the points are in the affirmative."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* USE OF TEAR GAS ON THE STRIKERS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member, Farookhi Sahib Bahadur, has given notice of an adjournment motion about the use of tear gas and lathi charge yesterday. Has the Hon. Minister to state anything on the matter? "